



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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EAW:amn

DOA:.....Schmidt, BB0498 - Sentencing Review Council

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
JUSTICE

Sentencing review council

The bill creates the Sentencing Review Council within DOJ. The council is charged with studying and making recommendations on 1) criminal penalties and reforming the criminal code; 2) the equitability of sentences; 3) the state's bifurcated sentencing structure; and 4) sentencing for individuals who were age 18 to 25 at the time the crime was committed. Under the bill, membership of and appointments to the council are determined by the governor.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.257 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

15.257 (3) SENTENCING REVIEW COUNCIL. There is created in the department of justice a sentencing review council. The governor shall determine membership of and make appointments to the council.

SECTION 2. 165.27 of the statutes is created to read:

165.27 Sentencing review council. The sentencing review council shall do all of the following:

(1) Study criminal penalties and make recommendations for reforming the criminal code.

(2) Study whether sentences for similar offenses and circumstances are consistent and make recommendations to ensure that sentences are equitable.

(3) Study and make recommendations regarding the state's bifurcated sentencing structure.

(4) Review and make recommendations regarding sentences for violations committed by individuals age 18 to 25.

SECTION 9127. Nonstatutory provisions; Justice.

(1) SENTENCING REVIEW COUNCIL; REPORT. No later than July 1, 2022, the sentencing review council shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations under s. 165.27 (1) to (4) to the attorney general under s. 15.09 (7) and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. 13.172 (3).

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